CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: rosie-shower.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1100091.012

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 01 April 2011

Date of direction to issue No direction to issue a label has been issued

a label:

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is objectionable because it exploits the nudity of a young person to a high degree.

The printout shows a girl in her early to mid-teens posing for the camera in a shower cubicle. She is naked except for the bottom part of a bikini. Because of the camera's focus on her young body and bare breasts, the image is reasonably capable of being regarded as sexual in nature. Its likely source as an internet image increases the probability that the girl's nudity has been exploited with sexual intent. No alternative context that would allow a non-sexual reading is apparent.

The classification interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the decision is reasonable, justified and in accordance with the law. It is consistent with Parliament's intention in the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 that publications which exploit the nudity of young people in a manner that renders their availability injurious to the public good will be banned.